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"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. Matthew 7:24

"The three most important things when buying a house: location, location, location." No matter how nice the house is, if it is too far from work or school, you will always be in the car; if it is on a busy street or under a flight pattern, you will never be free of the noise; if it is in an area subject to flooding, blizzards, or earthquakes, you had better know how to handle it. Only slightly less important than location, is "good bones" – solid structure on a firm foundation. No matter where the house is located, if it is not sturdy you will end up in a pile of rubble. A solid house in a good location then needs good systems – electrical, plumbing, and heating. These are the "lifeblood" of the house. Without them, daily living is a chore (literally).

What are the "systems", "structure/foundation", and "location" of your house – not where you physically live, but your spiritual house? What systems bring faith to and from your life? What keeps your faith strong and what is your faith built upon? How does your location affect your spiritual house?

Salvation is the gift of God for all people given by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Faith is the gift of God which clings to salvation – which enables us to say "yes, this gift is for me!" *For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, Ephesians 2:8.* Our spiritual "systems" are those habits that feed our faith and keep us spiritually healthy – daily devotions, gathering with fellow Christians for Bible study, prayer, gathering with God's people in worship – the ways God gives for us to listen to His voice and grow in relationship with Him. To keep our systems flowing smoothly, we must inspect them and engage in upkeep regularly. It is easy to get out of the habit and then find ourselves in trouble without water and light.

Of course, systems can only be as good as the structure and foundation for which they are providing. The foundation of faith is Jesus Christ, the Living Word of God. Systems, habits, parts of life that are built on anything less will crumble like a house built on sand. Not that God's people cannot engage in anything that does not overtly have a Bible verse stamped on it. Christians work for Christian and non-Christian companies. Christians can have non-Christian friends (otherwise, how would others hear the Gospel?) But Christians know that all of life – relationships, work, hobbies, etc. – are all a gift from God and all are lived out under His direction. *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters. Colossians 3:23.* All of life is built on the foundation that Christ has redeemed you and the Holy Spirit guides you.

"Location, location, location". Jesus promises His presence as we live life under His guidance. *For where two or three are gathered in My name, there I am with them. Matthew 18:20 And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. Matthew 28:20* But the presence of God is more easily known where we receive His gifts through His promised means of grace. When we are gathered with His family, we can receive His gifts without the noise of the world. Instead, we are built up together as the family of God. And together, built on the foundation of Jesus, we can stand against the world's storms. *You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 2:5 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. Ephesians 2:21-22*

Being Built on the Foundation with you,
Pastor John

The Word in January

1/1/2023	1/8/2023	1/15/2023	1/22/2023	1/29/2023
Isaiah 61:10-62:3	Isaiah 60:1-6	Exodus 20:1-17	Ephesians 3:7-12	Ephesians 6:11-19
Galatians 4:4-7				
Luke 2:21-40	Matthew 2:1-12	Matthew 22:35-40	John 1:19-34	Luke 11:1-13

WORSHIP THEME IN JANUARY

Foundations of Faith

January 1 – New Year, New Name, New Life
 January 8 – Epiphany – Shifting Foundation
 January 15 – Guiding Foundation
 January 22 – Foundation Summary
 January 29 – Foundation Words

BIBLE STUDY IN JANUARY

*Invite your friends and neighbors to Sunday morning
 Bible Study – we have coffee and goodies!*

“Foundations of Faith”

We will explore more deeply our Sunday theme for the day using materials similar to our Good News Class: exploring what it means to be a Christian, Lutheran, and member of Prince of Peace.

Hungry for the Word of God? “Zoe” means “life” and Jesus said, “I am the Bread of Life” (John 6:35). Come enjoy time together digesting the Word. 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. and Facebook Live around 7:20. **Join us as we resume our study of Isaiah in January!**

Celebrate Epiphany!

Annual Epiphany Open House at the Genszlers’
 Sunday, January 8 12:00-3pm



Catechism – Walking in the Promises of God

First Communion and Confirmation classes at Prince of Peace are for all students entering 4th -8th grade. **First Communion** is a two-session class for students and

parents. Contact Pastor John to schedule class.

Confirmation is a two-year class for families with students 6th-8th grade. Student Confirmation classes are on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Families meet once a month.

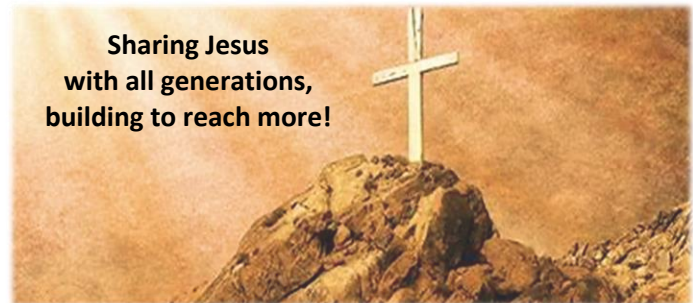


Official Acts December:

None

SHARING JESUS WITH ALL GENERATIONS – BUILDING TO REACH MORE:

We are in the process of realizing the Lord's Vision for the future – new staff, additional building space and new ministry opportunities!! Check out the Building Display in the narthex and watch for ways to be involved as together we pray for God's continuing guidance as we take these exciting steps!



Expanded Family Ministry at Prince of Peace! The Lord has given the vision, our congregation has approved the Capital Fund Drive, the process is underway to continue the vision of the past 60 years!

If you missed attending a presentation, watch a recording on our Facebook page with a link to the YouTube video: *PoPCampaign*.

If you were unable to bring a Capital Fund Drive commitment pledge to the Lord, you can always place it in the offering plate in the future.

The first meeting of the Design Team will be held on January 18, 2023. If you are interested, please contact Cathy Reichow.

Raising Kids God's Way

Watch for a new opportunity to get together with other parents – sharing ideas on how to raise kids to know Jesus in today's society.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: Food Pantry supplies are getting very low. Any food or personal care items you would like to donate, would be appreciated. We are also in need of Thrivent members to request a \$250 action card, which would be used to purchase items. If you are a Thrivent member and would like to know how to get a card, please contact Corrine at 419-699-7724.

POP is hosting a **once-a-month food pantry** through Seagate Food Bank. It is on the fourth Saturday of the month from 10-11am. If you would like to help with the Saturday distribution, or the Friday pick up and packing of food, please contact Cathy Reichow.

Cherry Street Mission Team:

Collections are suspended – please feel free to drop off needed items directly to CSM.

Knit and Pray:

Do you know someone who is going through a hard time and would appreciate knowing that Jesus is with them? Please give them one of the prayer coverings and a printed prayer paper to let them know they are not alone. The closet is full of yarn for you to take to create prayer blankets.

Thank you to all those who have donated yarn the past couple of months! We appreciate the support and prayers!

MISSION UPDATES:

The past 2 years have been especially difficult and uncertain for missionaries. As we all rely on God for all needed things in life, **please consider a special gift** if you can help support one or more of our missionaries.

For updated news on all our missionaries and Adopt-a-Students, check the Missions Wall at Prince of Peace.

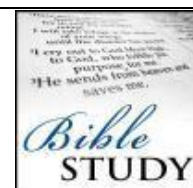
We are taking orders for pavers for the Memorial Garden. There are two sizes - 4x8; 2 lines; \$75 and 8x8; 2 lines; \$125. Additional lines can be added for \$10. You can do up to three lines on the 4x8 and 4 lines on the 8x8. All proceeds will go into the Memorial Fund. Questions? Contact Cathy Reichow at creichow1958@gmail.com.

Properties Team: We need volunteers for the Properties Team to do minor repairs. Please contact Dan or Cathy Reichow with any questions at 419-392-1470 or creichow1958@gmail.com.

The
Property
Team

Adult Bible Studies:

- ✚ **SUNDAY** Adult Bible Study – Sundays, 9:15 a.m. – Foundations of Faith
- ✚ **ZOE BIBLE STUDY** – at 7:00 p.m., the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month – Isaiah
- ✚ **TUESDAY WEEKLY READINGS STUDY** – 9:00 a.m. at PoP – and on Facebook Live
- ✚ **THURSDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** at 7:00 p.m., the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month – 10 Imperfect Men.
- ✚ **THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** at 7:00 p.m., the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month – Great Women of the Bible.
- ✚ **MEN'S BREAKFAST** 1st Saturday of the month 8:00AM
- ✚ **NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS** – If you would like to explore what it means to be a Christian, Lutheran, and member of Prince of Peace, contact Pastor John for questions or to sign up!



SUNDAY SCHOOL!!

We are having a great time in Sunday School! Join is on Sundays at 9:15 a.m. This program is for children in grades pre-k through 5th! Any questions, please contact Alison Laurell at 419-699-9687.

Men of the Church:

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST MONTHLY

Plan to get your weekend started on the right foot on the first Saturday of each month by attending the Men's monthly Prayer Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.



- ✓ Each month enjoy a good breakfast (our cooks are great).
- ✓ Pray for each other and for Prince of Peace Congregation.
- ✓ We hope to see more men join us for this great time of fellowship.



Men's Bible Study is on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. 10 Imperfect Men is the study.

Women of the Church:

THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY is on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m., the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. We are beginning "*Great Women of the Bible*" on January 12, 2023. Contact Jodi Halka or Amy Genszler for information.

LWML INFORMATION MEETING

The next LWML meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 4 at 7:00pm.**

We are looking forward to getting together and discussing ideas about ways we can be in fellowship and service for the Lord.

MITE COLLECTION

Please remember to bring in your MITE boxes at any time and drop them in the "big Mite Box" at the Information Table in the lobby! A supply of new Mite Boxes will be here soon. Watch for them on the table next to the large mite box in the narthex.



OLD GLASSES and CASES [an LWML project]

There is a box on the table near the entrance in which you can place any old eyeglasses and cases that you would like to discard. (One person's junk is another person's treasure.) These items are donated to MOST [Mission Opportunities Short Term], a LCMS Ministry working with many congregations in Michigan and Ohio, who fit them with new lenses and take thousands of pairs of glasses giving them to many folks, in countries where optical services are non-existent. This is an opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

FLOWERS!!! WE HAVE MANY OPEN FLOWER DATES!!! PLEASE SIGN UP!

A SIGN UP FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR IS AVAILABLE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD.

Flowers are \$30 per weekend. Thank you!

FLOWER VASES: When you take your Sunday altar flowers home, please return the plastic cup liners to the church so that we can use them again. Thank you!

Please be sure to pay for altar flowers if you signed up to provide them. The cost is \$30.00 per Sunday and is payable to Prince of Peace. Use a pew envelope and indicate it is for altar flowers. Thanks for your cooperation. If you haven't paid, and it's been at least 2 weeks since your flowers were on the altar, Julie will place a reminder envelope with the date of your flower placement in your mailbox.

IT'S A NEW YEAR AND IT'S TIME TO GET INTO THE WORD!!

There are a variety of Scripture reading plans available in the Narthex January to help you get started in reading through the Bible in a year. Pick one up and start reading through God's Word. You could even find a friend and help to keep each other accountable in reading your Bible every day! What a great way to start the New Year...in the Word AND with a friend!



Stewardship Team: Would you like to be involved with the stewardship team? Cathy Reichow has taken this leadership position and would love to talk to you about what all this team is up to! Contact her at 419-392-1468, or at creichow1958@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

March 2 TobyMac Concert at the Huntington Center

March 5 Faith & Family Night at the Walleye game

LET'S GET TOGETHER AND HAVE SOME FUN OUT IN OUR COMMUNITY!!!!

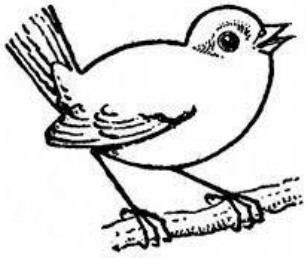
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Please be aware while entering and exiting the parking lot.

We do still have openings, so please spread the word.

A big thank you to our Prayer Pals for attending the Preschool Christmas programs and the gifts the children received. We would also like to thank the Knit and Pray group for the hats, scarves, and teddy bears that were knitted for the children with patience and love. Many thanks for the gifts for Jesus that help the preschool. They are greatly appreciated.



January will be a quiet month in the classroom. The children will visit Pumpkin Jack out in the snow, take care of birds, and have a fun P.J. Day at school. Blessings for your new year.

Director/Teacher – Wendy Kelly
Teachers – Marianne Kelly and Jamie Campbell
Sub – Erin Stine, Jared Kelly, Madison Campbell
Preschool Phone: 419-693-8661



HELP WANTED:

We have an elderly sister who would like a ride to church. She lives on Pickle Road and would love to attend church but she is no longer able to drive. If you know someone who would like to help, please contact Pastor John.

We also have an elderly sister who needs help a few mornings a week with some light housekeeping. If you know someone who may be able to help, please contact Pastor John.

THANKS FOR THE VISIT
SANTA AND MRS. C!





ELDERS IN TOUCH.... our Elders Ministry Team is organized to be in touch with our members. They are working at contacting all of our members on a regular basis. Here is a listing of our elders and the alphabetical groups to which they are assigned. Feel free to contact Pastor John, or one of our elders if we can serve you.

a. Tom Smith	419-343-8553	(Alder > Coffey)
b. Joe Daniels	419-266-5426	(Cornell > Geldien)
c. Mark Sattler	419-699-7723	(Genszler > Jones)
d. Lyle Stine	419-340-7818	(Keiser > Maletich)
e. Gary Garbers	419-693-7651	(Mayer > Peters)
f. Jim Bragg	419-690-2608	(Pfefferle > Sarns)
g. Don Halka	567-377-2248	(Sattler > VanCamp)
h. Phil Miller	419-691-7727	(Vanderhorst > Zieroff)

Remember in Your Prayers:

+for healing – Jackie Bailey, Millie Bailey, Tom Bragg, Gertrude Brant, Charmaine Brinkman, Chuck Brinkman, Marilyn Brown, Bob Haas, Deb Hartke, Robin Hill, Tom Jones, Wendy Kelly, Connie Kuch, Eric Losie, Phil Miller, Paige Ozanski, Megan Reifsnyder, Jackie Reynolds, Gene Rigg, Deanna Snyder, Tony Williams, Kevin Wilson, *We will be "resetting" the prayer list this month.*

If you would like to remain on the prayer list, please contact the church office.

+for your church – our vision and leaders and the commitment to follow God's will

+for those serving in the armed forces – Ty Garbers, Ricky Pratt, Cole Pollex, Andrew Genszler, Stacy Galla, Nate Millard, Andrew Pindor

+for our missionaries –

- Pastor Tim Heiney, Global Lutheran Outreach in Guinea, West Africa
- Pastor Dave Erber, LCMS missionary in Nigeria, West Africa
- Mike and Becky Kuelker, IAM missionaries in Mexico
- Joe Boway, New Life Lutheran Church missionary to the children in Liberia
- POBLO (People of the Book Lutheran Outreach), a mission to Muslims
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Cherry Street Ministries, Toledo
- The Pregnancy Center, Toledo

+our 'adopted' seminary student –

- Andrew Frerichs



January Activities at PoP

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
Every Saturday/Sunday Schedule 5:30 PM (Saturday) Worship 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 12:00 PM Youth Time 2:00 PM A.A.						
1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!! 9:30 AM New Years Day Service	2 7:00 PM Elders	3 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study	4 7:00 LWML Meeting	5 7:00 PM Zoe Bible Study	6	7 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast
8 12:00-3:00 PM Epiphany Open House at the Genszlers	9	10 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study	11	12 7:00 PM Men's and Women's Bible Study Confirmation Class	13	14
15 12:00PM Family Confirmation Meeting	16 7:00 Mission and Ministry Meeting	17 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study	18	19 7:00 PM Zoe Bible Study	20	21
22	23	24 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study	25	26 7:00 PM Men's and Women's Bible Study Confirmation Class	27	28
29 Life Sunday	30	31 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study				
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January Birthdays and *Anniversaries*

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1	2 Nathaniel Miller	3 Karen Coffey Samantha Smith	4 Emily Hartke	5	6	7 Ben Genszler
8 Christopher Hoover	9	10 Laura Roe	11 Mason Shafer Tom Jones Jr	12 Heidi Christy	13 Lydia Maletich	14 Sierra Vanderhorst
15 Brandon McCoy Deanna Snyder Sue VanCamp	16	17 Judy Brower	18 Dolly Ames	19 Cathy Workman Jay Pollex Jr	20 Andy Laurell	21 Jacob Stine
22	23	24 Kattie Richards	25	26 Ron Wells	27	28 Kevin Pfefferle
29	30	31 Alyssa Disher Demetris Mestousis <i>Tom and Denise Wells</i>	1	2	3	4



Volunteer Schedule for January 2023	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Greeters			
Ushers			
Projection			
Camera			
Sound Board			
Readers		Ted Tiefel	Charmaine Brinkman
Acolytes			
Communion Servers (Bread)			
Communion Servers (Wine)			
Altar Guild			
Pew Care			
<i>We will be creating a service list for the year – whether you currently serve or would like to learn contact Pastor John to make sure you are in the rotation!</i>			

We have many faithful people at Prince of Peace willing to serve in many ways.

How has God gifted you to serve in His Church?

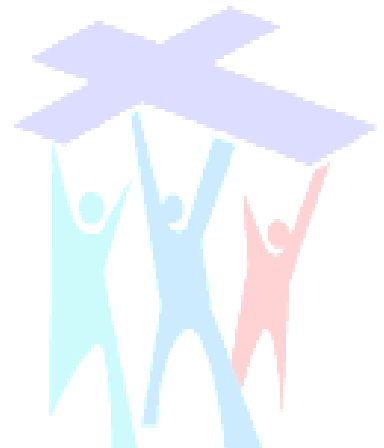
Can you pour a glass of juice? Can you read?

Can you pick up papers? Do you know anyone

else with “special skills” like these? You can

serve your church family! Contact Pastor John at any time!

Discipleship at Home and in Community



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